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SUBJECT: IRAQ MAKES \$12,000,000 LOAN TO CHAD TO ALLEVIATE
MEDICINE AND FOOD SHORTAGE

1. INFOTCHAD REPORTED THAT ON 27 AUGUST 1978, KERIM TOGOI, CHADIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY, AND ADNAN HUSSEIN, MINISTER OF ECONOMY FOR IRAQ, SIGNED A \$12,000,000 LOAN AGREEMENT; \$6,000,000 OF WHICH WILL BE FOOD AND MEDICINE. ACCORDING TO USAID CONTRACT EMPLOYEE WORKING IN THE GOC HEALTH MINISTRY, THE REMAINDER WILL BE USED TO BUILD A 46 BED PEDIATRICS HOSPITAL IN NDJAMENA, ALTHOUGH THE ESTIMATE FOR A SMALL HOSPITAL SEEMS HIGH BY LOCAL STANDARDS.

2. THE SAME AID SOURCE SAYS CHAD IS OUT OF FUNDS AND CREDIT WITH FRENCH, SWISS, AND UNICEF DRUG SUPPLIERS. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MEDICINES, IT MUST TAP NEW AID SOURCES. IRONICALLY, THE NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CENTER (PNA) HAS A LARGE DRUG INVENTORY. SINCE THE PNA USES PRODUCTS FROM A NUMBER OF DONORS, ITS INVENTORY INCLUDES MANY BRAND NAMES AND INSTRUCTIONS IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES. NO ONE IS SURE WHAT IS NOW IN STOCK, BUT USAID
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SPECIALISTS SUSPECT THE INVENTORY CONSISTS MAINLY OF
LOW DEMAND ITEMS.

3. IN ORDER TO AVOID THE CREDIT CRUNCH AND TO BOOST NATIONAL PRIDE, THE GOC WANTS TO MANUFACTURE 130 DRUGS IN NDJAMENA. IN ADDITION TO BEING BEYOND LOCAL TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES, THE \$1,500,000 PROJECT WOULD OPERATE AT A

LOSS. FOREIGN ADVISORS RECOMMEND THAT ANY LOCAL PRODUCTION BE LIMITED TO THE FIVE PRODUCTS WITH HIGHEST DEMAND. THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT POPULAR WITH HEALTH MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

4. COMMENT. IF CHAD MUST USE RADICAL ARAB PATRONS TO REPLACE WESTERN SOURCES THE GOC MAY BEGIN TAKING ACTIVIST STANCE ON ISSUES DEEMED VITAL TO THESE ARAB INTERESTS (AND HAVING LITTLE OR NO IMPACT ON CHAD PER SE) RATHER THAN THE MODERATE POSITIONS SHOWN AT BELGRADE, UNGA, AND OAU. BRADFORD

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